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YOUNG MAN DROWNED.

L. A. Reed, of Magoffin County, Finds Watery Grave in Ohio River at Louisville.

L. A. Reed, 24 years old, who, with his brother, came to Louisville two days ago from his home in Magoffin-co., seven miles from Ciderville, fell from the second deck of the ferryboat and was drowned in the Ohio river near the Big Four bridge, last Friday afternoon. The young men had never been in the city before and were enjoying their first ride on a steamboat. The body has not been recovered.

The brother, Marion Reed, 22 years old, who was on the lower deck, heard a scream and saw his brother's form plunge through the air and strike the water. He ran to the railing and a moment later saw the form rise to the surface. The brother was making a hopeless fight against the waves at the side of the vessel. Twice he sank while his brother looked on powerless to assist him, because neither could he swim.

"As he came up for the third time he looked and saw me," later declared the brother. "He looked at me just for a moment and then seemed to realize he was going down again for good he stretched forth one of his arms and waved."

Marion Reed called to members of the ferry's crew telling them his brother had fallen overboard. The engines were stopped, but upon learning the man was unable to swim and had been seen to sink for the third time, the boat proceeded to the landing.

Central Police Station was notified and Marion Reed was taken to headquarters for his story of his brother's death.

"We came to Louisville two days ago, hoping to get work," he said. "We had lived on a farm in Magoffin county for a long time and as crop season was bad we had to get other work. We had never been to a big city like this before and had never seen a regular steamboat. Some one told us down at the river that we could pay a nickel and ride on the ferryboat as long as we wanted to."

"After we had ridden over to the other shore and back about three times, my brother got sick. He leaned over the railing and asked me to get him a drink of water. As I started down the stairs to the lower deck I saw him leaning away out over the railing. I thought he was able to care for himself. I had just found a man who told me where to find the drinking water, and was walking over to the side of the boat when I heard a scream. Right away I saw a man shoot past me and fall into the river. When he came to the surface I saw it was my brother."

The young farmer was so much affected by the tragic incident while at police headquarters that the officers sent him to the hotel, where the brothers had been stopping. He said he is the son of W. M. Reed, a farmer, and that another brother, Richard Reed, is at home.

Reed would not send a telegram to his father to notify him of the death of his brother for the reason, he said, his mother is seriously ill, and he feared the shock would cause her death.

The life-savers say the body is apt to remain under the surface for months, or as long as the water remains cool.—Courier-Journal.

TWO SPECIAL JUDGES.

FRANKFORT, KY., Nov. 8.—L. P. Fryer this morning was designated to preside over the Breathitt Circuit Court to hear the suit of Circuit Judge Hugh Riddell, of that district, against the Breathitt county Election Commissioners, in which he seeks to compel the certification and counting of the vote in three precincts of the county which are alleged to be held out.

Judge M. M. Redwine was designated to preside over the Boyd Circuit Court for the November term beginning Monday. Judge W. C. Halbert, of Vanceburg, having been injured in a runaway accident and physically incapacitated from presiding.

Official Count in Lawrence County.

On page two will be found the official count in Lawrence county of the election held November 4, 1913.

In the primary last August both parties overlooked the matter of making nominations for Surveyor and Coroner. Nine votes were cast at this election for Labe Wallace, of Louisa, for Surveyor, and six votes for Dr. J. F. Hatten, of Buchanan for Coroner.

The Socialist candidates for Senate and Representative received eight and three votes, respectively, in the county.

The Bull Moose candidates for Jailer received 73 votes and the candidate for Assessor 47 votes.

On the constitutional amendment to revise the taxation system 419 voted yes and 79 no. On the amendment to authorize the Legislature to enact a law to work convicts on the public roads the vote was 427 yes and 52 no.

PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE.

The NEWS has space this week only for a brief mention of the fact that the Fiscal Court at a recent session did a splendid thing for the county, when it agreed to join in securing from the Department of Agriculture a teacher of Agriculture for Lawrence county. He will begin his labors here on Jan. 1st, 1914, and for one year will devote his entire time and attention to the farms and farmers of this county. For his labors he is to be paid \$1200, and Lawrence county assumes the payment of one-half this amount. The Fiscal Court never did a better thing in its official life, and it is meeting with the approbation of all taxpayers who view its action from the proper standpoint.

In a later issue of this paper this very interesting and important matter will be more fully noticed.

MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT

For Lock and Dam No. 35 Awarded Company of Louisa Men.

Colonel Henry Jervey, in charge of Cincinnati District No. 1, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., yesterday let the contract for the first installment of the work of constructing Lock and Dam No. 35, to be located in the Ohio River near New Richmond, to the National Contract Co., of Evansville, Ind., at its revised bid of \$1,084,000. The contractor will start to work immediately in order to do certain preliminary work necessary before the close of the present season.

The original bid of the National Company was something over \$30,000 higher than the revised bid, which was accepted by the Government yesterday. The revised bid was \$5,000 over the estimated cost of construction as prepared by Colonel Jervey, but it was considered fair, and the award of the contract was ordered by the War Department officials at Washington.

Colonel Jervey also received authority yesterday to advertise for bids for the first installment of the work of constructing Lock and Dam No. 39, which is to be built in the Ohio River near Vevay, Ind. The bids for this improvement are to be opened by Colonel Jervey at noon December 11. The estimate placed on this work by the Government engineers is in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The above item is of strong local interest because two of the most active members of the National Contract Company are citizens of Louisa. They are J. C. Thomas and H. A. Scholze. Other members of the company, Messrs. Sam and Charles May, also are known here. They are now the leading contractors on the Ohio River, and have broken all records for rapid and successful work. Also, they have the largest and most efficient plant on the river. This year they have built a lock near Steubenville, Ohio, and are at work on the dam. This is the first time a lock in the Ohio river has been completed in one season.

The new contract is for a lock and dam twenty miles above Cincinnati. It is the third contract awarded on the Ohio river to this company.

GONE TO HER REWARD

Mrs. John B. Spencer Dies After Long Suffering, Borne With Patience and Resignation.

After a long period of ill health and great suffering Mrs. John B. Spencer died at her home near this city at one o'clock in the morning of Saturday, Nov. 8th. On Sunday afternoon, in spite of the very inclement weather, a very large number of the friends and relatives assembled at the last earthly home of the deceased to pay their tribute of love and respect to her who lay so still and cold in her basket, upon and around which was a wealth of floral offerings, in masses of odorous richness and beauty. The simple and appropriate service for the dead was conducted by the Rev. B. M. Keith, pastor of the M. E. Church South, of which for many years Mrs. Spencer had been a devoted member. One feature of the occasion was the singing by request of "God Will Take Care of You," the solo soprano part being rendered by Miss Katharine Freese.

At the conclusion of the house services the body was borne to Pine Hill cemetery, where it will rest until the dead in Christ shall rise.

Mrs. Spencer was 57 years old. She is survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Sarah Layne, her husband, Mr. John B. Spencer, and four children—two sons, F. T. D. Jr., and Laban, and two daughters, Matilda and Emma Wallace, children by her marriage when very young with Eugene Wallace.

Mrs. Spencer was a most excellent woman. As a child she was a general favorite, cheerful and sunny in disposition. She grew up into popular girlhood, and when the duties of wife and mother became hers she bore them bravely and well. She had a beautiful country home over which she presided in a most pleasant and attractive way. Her hospitality was generous, and she dispensed a charity at once large and without ostentation. Her ready and thoughtful kindness to those in need will be sadly missed by those who have been the recipients of her bounty. To the helpless mother whom she nursed with unrelenting and unselfish care, she was tender and devoted. To her children the personification of love and affection, and they in turn loved "mother" as but few parents are loved. Husband and wife were affectionate and tender, one to another, and the bereaved partner in the joys and sorrows of life, feels most deeply the loss of her who had made his home happy.

Throughout the long and painful sickness which ended only with her death Mrs. Spencer exhibited a surprising patience and fortitude. Her resignation was that of a Christian, and when facing the dread alternative of the surgeon's knife in the vain hope of obtaining permanent relief from pain she declared her readiness "to go" if she failed to awake from the unconsciousness caused by the anesthetic.

Her husband and children spared nothing in their efforts to restore to health the beloved wife and mother. Visits to healing springs, the services of skillful physicians and surgeons, the ministrations of trained nurses—all were brought into use, but Arael had plumed his sable wings for his visit to the beautiful home and human hands could not stay his flight.

The dead woman's last conscious words concerned her loved ones and framed the Christian's "I am ready." And so, while the Shadow has fallen and has shrouded home and heart in black, those who sit in the darkness know that with her whom they had loved and lost "All is well."

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Sunday school at 9:00 a. m. Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Morning Subject: "Christian Growth." Evening: "The Workings of the Divine Power in Human Life."

Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Senior League at 6:30 p. m. A special program in the auditorium of the church. Everybody invited to come. B. M. KEITH, Pastor.

BRIDGE LET TO CONTRACT.

At a recent meeting of the Fiscal Court the erection of a bridge at the mouth of Cherokee was let to contract. The Champion Bridge Co., of Wilmington, O., was the only bidder and secured the work for \$1680. The bridge will be of iron, hundred foot span and 12 foot roadway. The contract for building the piers will be let December 29.

GALL STONE REMOVED.

Mrs. P. P. Hinkle, of Inez, was successfully operated upon at the hospital in this city on Saturday last for gall stones. She had been in the hospital undergoing treatment for her trouble, but she had no permanent relief until the operation was performed, a stone weighing 129 grains being removed. Dr. York, assisted by Dr. Bromley, did the work. The patient is doing well.

ENGAGED AS SINGER.

Miss Katharine Freese expects to leave on Tuesday next for Cabin Creek, W. Va., where the Rev. and Mrs. Wysox reside, and where she will have charge of the music during a series of meetings to be conducted by Mr. Wysox. Mr. Wysox is a Presbyterian minister and evangelist and is doing a splendid work in that section. Miss Freese expects to be gone about three weeks and upon her return she will resume her professional work here. The selection of Miss Freese for the work noted was a good one.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR.

The ladies of the Baptist church intend to hold a holiday bazaar on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, for the sale of useful and fancy articles suitable to the season. Place and particulars will be announced later.

DEATH CALLS W. T. OSBORN

Esteemed Citizen of Fort Gay Yields to Pneumonia.

The NEWS is called upon to note, with much regret the death of Mr. W. T. Osborn, of Fort Gay, which occurred at his home on Thursday, Nov. 6. Interment was made on Saturday at the home place, on Wolfe creek, not far from the Greenbrier church. The funeral was very largely attended. The Rev. Burwell Akers, of Ceredo, and Puckett conducted the service. He was a victim of pneumonia and was sick only a week. He is survived by a widow and four children, two girls and two boys, all grown. The boys are Pharoah, who lives at the home-stand, and "Doc" Osborn, the N. and W. agent at Ft. Gay.

Mr. Osborn was born Sept. 12, 1840, in Wayne-co., not far from the place of his burial. He came to Ft. Gay five or six years ago, where he was in business as a merchant up to the time he died. He was one of the best and most highly respected men in Wayne-co. Sober, honest, religious and industrious, he won and kept the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In the varied relationships of life he was a model man. The death of such a character leaves a void in the community and county in which he lived which is not easily filled.

Death of Well Known Woman.

On Wednesday, November 12, Mrs. Wilson, widow of James Wilson, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Dan Frazier, who lives at the old Wilson home about 6 miles from Ft. Gay. Mrs. Wilson was 84 years old, and was a sister of William, John and Moses Jarrell. She was buried near her late home Thursday. Her husband died about two years ago.

HAS RETURNED HOME.

Mrs. L. L. Funk, who had been visiting the family of her brother, John Gartin, for several weeks, has returned to Chicago. She took with her the four bright young children of Mr. Charles Holbrook, of Blaine. Mrs. Holbrook died several months ago, and Mrs. Funk will care for the half-orphaned little ones as her own.

KENTUCKY OIL FIELDS.

All Indications Point to Busy Winter Season.—Operators Letting New Contracts.

Barbourville, Ky., Nov. 9.—The approach of winter has brought no abatement in Kentucky petroleum operations. In all the districts where pipe lines extend there is the usual activity this month, and operators are going ahead with the letting of contracts for new drilling in a way which indicates a busy winter season. Developments in the more settled pools have reached a stage where drilling is not so uncertain of results in the way of new production. While new wells in the developed portions have not shown a yield up to former averages, the percentage of failures is light and the established pools ought to show a continuation of activity all through the winter. Test work in undeveloped fields will show a natural falling off, because of bad roads and difficulty of getting in drilling supplies. There is sufficient encouragement, however, in some directions to warrant the advance operator in going ahead of present developments, and the northern and eastern districts of the State will probably show activity during the winter.

In completed work the old Wayne county field, in lower Kentucky, holds the stage. Most of the Eastern Kentucky drilling force is centered in this county. Three new wells are reported, all within defined areas and the best making fifteen barrels daily. Morgan county operations have shown some expansion. Half a dozen ventures have been completed lately, one well showing a yield of twenty-five barrels. Others were of lighter capacity and one failure was listed. Several operators from Pennsylvania and West Virginia have taken up leases in the Morgan county field. Although a comparatively new district, this field is now turning out over 3,000 barrels weekly, and the wells which have been operated steadily during the year maintain a good settled production.

Of half a dozen smaller fields of Eastern Kentucky, Wolfe county is the only one in which work is being pushed. Several drills are in commission in the Stillwell district. The only late completion is a ten-barrel well. In Knox county, Oklahoma operators expect to have several drills moving within another month.

Price on the two grade of Kentucky petroleum have undergone no change lately, quotations being \$1.35 and 70 cents a barrel on the light and heavy grades, respectively.

KILLED THE HORSE.

Charles Moore, of Louisa, a traveling salesman for Dixon, Moore & Co., hitched his saddle horse at the store of a merchant at Dwale, Floyd county, one day this week and went in to interview the proprietor. During his absence the horse slipped the bridle and wandered half a mile down the C. and O. track, where it was struck by a passing freight train and killed.

Mr. May Will Recover.

In a letter just received by Mr. R. T. Burns, of this city, from Mr. A. J. May, of Prestonsburg, is the following: "You may say to any inquiring friends that it is now the belief of his physicians that he (meaning his brother, Hon. W. H. May) will soon recover."

This is good news to the NEWS and the many friends of Mr. May here. He has been very ill, and at times it seemed impossible that he could recover.

George Ward Hurt At Hellier.

G. A. Ward, C. & O. supervisor of Bridges and Buildings suffered a fractured knee cap Wednesday afternoon, when a motorcycle upon which he and Chief Inspector Powell, of Richmond were riding jumped the track.

The accident occurred at Greenough, near Hellier on the Marrowbone branch. Mr. Ward is now in the C. and O. hospital at Clifton Forge. Mr. Ward was for a long time a bridge carpenter on this division and is well known here.

THE SILVER TEA.

This was a most delightful affair, artfully, socially, financially and gastronomically, which being interpreted means that the music and recitations were fine, the visitors were in genial and giving mood, the receipts were about \$25, and the refreshments were excellent. The program was more than usually good, and its rendition was very pleasing. The NEWS is sorry that a lack of space precludes its publication this week.

VISITED HIS FORMER HOME.

Mr. James Vanhose, formerly of Georges creek, this county, but now a citizen of Webb City, Mo., was here last week visiting relatives and old friends. He moved to the Doubting State about 20 years ago and looks like he had enjoyed the change. Mr. Vanhose began his return journey Saturday, going by way of Waverly, O., to see his brother-in-law, "Buck" Daniels, who also lived in this section until a year or so ago.

Frank Bowling In Trouble.

A letter from Logan, W. Va., to the NEWS says that Frank Bowling, aged about 18 years and son of W. H. Bowling, of Whitehouse, Ky., shot and wounded a couple of Baldwin detectives with whom he had quarrelled concerning the price to be paid for mining. The difficulty occurred on Friday last, but where and how seriously the men were wounded the letter did not say. Bowling had not been arrested although he was said to be in Logan.

BURNS CAUSE DEATH.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan residing on Center-st., was burned Monday night, death relieving the little son of his agonies Tuesday morning. Accompanied by the family the remains were removed this morning over the Big Sandy for Blaine where burial will occur.—Independent.

Marriage of Miss Nina Rathbone.

Cards announcing the wedding of Miss Nina Rathbone, a former Louisa girl, have been received in this city. She was married in Parkersburg, W. Va., Sunday, Nov. 8th, to Mr. Marcellus Hardman Percy. The bride is a very pretty young woman, popular with her many friends in this city, where she lived many years.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

On Tuesday night next, Nov. 18th, the Rev. J. Howard Gibbons, Rector of Calvary Episcopal church, Ashland, will hold services at the M. E. Church, this city, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Christian church on Thursday evening, Nov. 27, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. B. Plummer, of the M. E. Church. The programme of exercises will be published in the NEWS next week.

Called Home By Illness.

Miss Lora Ramey, who was visiting the family of her uncle, H. C. Osborne, of this city, was called Saturday to East Point, because of the illness of a brother, who has whooping cough and typhoid fever. Mrs. Osborne went to his bedside on Tuesday.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS.

A day or so ago Link Burke lost a purse containing a considerable sum of money. He gave the NEWS a card to be published, describing the purse and offering a reward for its return. And even before the notice was set up the property was found and was returned to the owner.

SHARP CONTRAST.

On Friday last the mercury showed 68 degrees. At sunrise Tuesday it showed only 16, with an inch or two of snow on the ground and half an inch of ice in the rain barrels, a record breaker for November eleven.